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## THE UNFRUITFUL WORD.

The cares of the world, the deceitfulness of riches and the lusts of other things choke the Word and it becometh unfruitful. The cares of this world: there is a small but very fatal species of this thorn called Fretfulness. Once fretfulness establishes itself in the heart, the task of uprooting it is analogous to the task of uprooting chickweed from your garden. There is an immense amount of moral energy and force extracted from the heart by sheer fretfulness. There is a word of the psalmist, which indicates startling moral insight, and reveals a profound moral truth. "Fret not thyself .. to do evil." That is what fretting leads to—evil doing! We can so reduce our moral force by fretfulness, so strain and weaken our spiritual garrison, that the citadel of our heart becomes a defenseless structure, and the tempter has easy entrance and possession, and leads us away captive at his will.

The deceitfulness of riches: here is another thorn. Fretfulness cheats the heart of the thought which ought to feed the spiritual life. Riches, in most subtle deceitfulness, cheat the soul of the same bread. How do riches deceive men? Men are deceived as to when a normal and healthy desire for wealth passes into avarice. Their thoughts become so absorbed in the pursuit of wealth that they have none left to determine their moral whereabouts. The Master calls this "deceitfulness of riches," a thorn which sucks up the thought, the attention, the aspiration, the resolution; and so good impulse does not grow and come to maturity: it lies down and passes away.

The lusts of other things, of the pleasures of this life. There is another of the impoverishing thorns. The pleasures of the senses are not to be despised, but we are not to abide in them. That is our snare—to give so much thought to the "pleasures of this life" that we have none for "the pleasures of God's right hand." That is the thorn which chokes the wheat.—Condensed from The Folly of Unbelief, by Dr. J. H. Jowett.

ORGAN OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN CONVENTION.

## EDITORIAL.

### ABLE TO SAVE.

*Receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. James1:21.*

"It is not just as we take it,
This mystical world of ours;
Life's field will yield as we make it
A harvest of thorns or of flowers."

There is not near so much in what we hear as there is in how we hear it. The physchologists tell us that it is what we attend to that affects us and forms our habits and character; that which we hear and give heed to. I have seen men who could remember and tell ten years afterwards a smutty, unbecoming joke with inflexible accuracy of detail, but could not tell one day after ten lines of the sermon they heard the day before. They attended to the joke; they did not attend to the sermon. They did not receive with meekness the implanted word.

There are those who desist from using their higher capacities. They have ability. They have mental acumen. They have the attentive ear and they have the quick, witty talent. But they refuse to use their higher faculties of mind and heart. They never repeat, nor dwell, nor talk about the good and noble sentiments they hear. They destroy the faculty for good and high thoughts by failure to use them.

You can destroy any faculty of mind or heart by disuse. The fish in Mammoth cave have no eyes. Not, indeed, because they are a peculiar species of fish, but because for generations they had no need for and so did not use their eyes. This is what the scientists call the loss of function by the disuse of parts. The same is true in all the spiritual experiences of life. If we do not cultivate and develop the nobler spiritual nature we lose all the powers of such a nature.

The seed sowed on the good ground is that sowed in the ready and willing heart. And man has control over his own heart. The fatalist cannot get around the parable of the sower. Each one is responsible for the condition of his own heart. If one is not, the Word would not enjoin one to meekness of heart, to the right method of receiving the word. We are enjoined in the lesson of today to give good heed to the good things; but turn the unattentive ear to the bad, harmful unwholesome, things.

The good seeds are sown. Jesus was the sower. His ministers today who preach His truth and deliver His message in love are sowers. Every faithful and true preacher of righteousness in the world is a sower of good seeds.

How do you hear? That is the part that should concern us. Do we hear with the ear while the heart is busy with business, with plans, pursuits for next week? Then we are the unfruitful soil and the seed, if they spring up, will soon wither and die for they have little soil. We hear as unto the Lord when the heart gives assent. Let us give good heed to the good and true and noble and exalted things we hear.

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### A GREAT MISSIONARY MEETING.

(Editorial Correspondence.)

Wadley, Ala., July 2, 1912.

The next time I come to Wadley I shall not stop with Rev. G. O. Lankford and wife first. I may call to see them after I have been here awhile and have become acclimated and inured to this lavish hospitality. They shall not tempt me a second time to intemperance in eating. Fact is, preachers get more than their share of something good to eat anyway. There is no other class of people so well fed—away from home. But to the missionary meeting.

The opening session was on Friday night, when Rev. J. V. Knight preached a timely sermon touching the matter of missionary activity and Christian service from the text: "The Master has come and calleth for thee." The Christian life means a life of service. The Master ever calls us from our way of doing to His way; from our activities to Himself for instruction and edification. If we would follow Christ, be Christians, we must serve Christ. There can be no drones with Him.

The Convention proper opened Saturday a. m. at 9:30, when Rev. J. H. Hughes called the body together and called on Rev. E. M. Carter to conduct devotional services. A splendid delegation from the various churches was present and a great company of those interested in missionary work. On organization Rev. E. M. Carter was chosen President and Rev. J. H. Hughes Secretary. Rev. G. O. Lankford was called upon to discuss Church Extension in the South and our Church Extension Loan Fund. Others discussed the same topics in which it was brought out and explained that the Southern Convention at its recent session instituted a loan fund by calling upon the churches through their Conferences and conventions and missionary associations to set aside 10 per cent. of all moneys coming into their hands for home missions to be used as a loan fund. That is to say, if our Home Mission Boards and Committees shall appropriate 90 per cent. of the funds coming into their hands and reserve 10 per cent. for a loan fund this latter will in course of time amount to something and can be of great service and helpfulness to needy points when a loan is needed. This ten per cent. for the loan fund should be set aside and sent to the Home Mission Board of the Southern Convention, which Board is now in the act of being incorporated so as to handle safely and securely this fund which it is believed will amount to very much as the years come and go.

Rev. C. M. Dollar then delivered an interesting and forceful address on "The Unreached Church-member." Bro. Dollar's first interpretation was that the unreached church-member was a hypocrite; but later decided that many other church-members were unreached, all those in fact who would not give to missions and help the missionary cause. Bro. Dollar rejoiced that the day had come in which few church members could be found who opposed missions, and there should be none in the church, for none properly belonged there, who opposed missions..

The Sun's editor spoke briefly about "Unevangelized America," and the great task of evangelizing the horde of immigrants pouring into our country. At the noon hour a magnificent dinner was spread on a far-spreading table through the adjacent grove and the hungry multitude were fed abundantly and basketfuls of fragments were taken up.

At the opening of the afternoon service Rev. J. H. Hughes spoke eloquently and powerfully on "Woman's Part in Evangelizing the World." Bro. Hughes maintains that the women hold the key to the situation in the matter of missions, and when the women become awakened to their full duty and responsibility and privilege all missionary work will go forward by leaps and bounds. Bro. Hughes' address was pointed and powerful, and much enjoyed by all present.

Following this address Rev. G. O. Lankford made a stirring address on Woman's Work and then introduced a resolution to the effect that every minister and delegate present, on their return home and to their chruches, unedrtake to organize a Woman's Missionary Society in every local church of the Conference. I believe this resolution and the enthusiasm with which it was received and voted upon will result in the formation of many active missionary societies. If so, then this Convention will not have been held in vain.

One of the most forceful and able addresses delivered before the Convention was that of Rev. G. D. Hunt on the topic, "The Missionary Message of the Bible."

Bro. Hunt argued that the message was three-fold: 1. Go. 2. Do. 3. Send. Under these three laconic and suggestive topics the speaker, by frequent reference to the Bible, produced a profound impression upon his audience and built up a logical argument his hearers will not soon forget.

Rev. C. W. Carter led a Missionary Consecration service which was in every way suitable and appropriate and which was participated in by many and greatly enjoyed by all.

The congregation began to gather early Sunday a. m. At 9:30 when Sunday school opened the house was well nigh full of interested pupils, busy teachers and anxious visitors. Bro. J. J. Carter is the wide-awake superintendent and his school is an active, working one indeed. At the close of the school Rev. J. W. Elder delivered a most timely and telling address on the Sunday School as a Missionary Force. Bro. Elder believes if we are to do our part in missionary work we must begin in the Sunday school and with the boys and girls there. His address was to the point and was highly suggestive.

At 11 a. m. all was in readiness for the dedication of the Wadley Christian church. It was an auspicious occasion, and many hearts rejoiced to see this day. No wonder. The brethren have wrought well and wisely and the church is ample, comfortable, neat, attractive and completed in tasteful manner. The exercises were in charge of the beloved and able pastor, Rev. G. O. Lankford. Rev. E. M. Carter, former pastor, and the one who led the work of building took part in the exercises and was rejoiced at the fulness and glory of the good occasion. Rev. G. D. Hunt, a former pastor and interested in the work from the beginning was present and took part in the dedicatory services as did also Rev. C. W. Carter. Among other ministers present and adding much to the joy of the occasion were Revs. C. M. and J. D. Dollar, J. W. Elder, J. V. Knight, and possibly others. The building could not accommodate the large numbers and many were unable to gain admittance. The three hundred dollar indebtedness was readily provided for and removed from the church. It was a pleasure indeed to speak to such an audience on such a happy and auspicious occasion, and the patient attention was all that could be desired by any speaker. It was a rare privilege.

After the dedicatory services an adjournment was had for a sumptuous dinner spread in the hospitable homes of the people of Wadley. We rejoiced in the gracious hospitality of that sweet-spirited and liberal brother, Dr. J. M. Welch, whose home is the preacher's home and whose heart has been made to rejoice because he had seen the fruition of his labors and anxieties in the dedication of Wadley church.

In the afternoon there were services of a devotional nature, and one of the most deeply spiritual sessions of the entire convention. At night The Sun's editor was privileged to face another fine audience and tell the gospel story.

You will yet hear from the Alabama Conference on the subject of missions. We have never seen an audience give closer attention through an entire day than did this one on Saturday, to the single subject of missions. Ministers and people are becoming aroused on the subject and there will be results.

Today we turn our face homeward for the 412 miles journey, richer and happier because we have met and mingled again with these dear brethren whose Christian fellowship we have learned to love, thankful that we have had these days together, hopeful that there will be other such days and meetings in the future.

J. O. A.

## WHAT OUR PUBLISHING HOUSE MEANS.

1. The Christian Sun has been working for the church a long time. Now the church has decided to do something for The Sun to make it an abler, a more respectable, and a better servant.

2. If there is any risk in doing our own printing and publishing, other churches and individuals have had to take that risk. If there is any profit other churches and individuals have received it. Establishing a Publishing House of our own says to the world that we will take our own risks and share our own profits and losses, as the case may be. If we cannot do this ourselves it is moral cowardice and decrepitude to ask others to do it for us.

3. If the combined wisdom and effort and means of the business men of our churches are capable of building and maintaining a publishing house, then our business men have less wisdom, discretion and judgment than those of any other denomination known to us.

4. If we are not willing to unite our efforts and means to make The Christian Sun go, and think it will not pay, how can we have the effrontery to ask one man to assume the burden of the whole and alone do for the church that which we are unwilling to unite in doing?

5. We are paying between $4,000 and $5,000 a year to others to do our printing for us. Why not do this for ourselves and from the profits thereof make a larger and better church paper to begin with, make the investment absolutely safe from the beginning, and develop a paper and a business that will mean pardonable pride to the church in the future, and profit to those who are willing now to invest and sacrifice for it?

6. Finally, one of three things is necessary: (1) Establish a publishing house, do our own printing, and so make a larger and better Christian Sun possible; or, (2) Reduce the present size of the paper considerably; or (3) Greatly increase the subscription price of the paper. There is no further alternative, and since we go forward, and not backward, want to grow and not stagnate, we discard the latter two alternatives as unthinkable, and set our faces toward the carrying out of the former—the establishment of a Publishing House to do the printing and publishing for the Southern Christian Convention. In this undertaking we believe with all our heart that we shall have the sympathy, support and financial cooperation of our loyal laity and devoted ministry, and that the investment will pay in good deeds now, and in dollars too to those who help. At any rate our business men are saying, we are willing and will try.

## "A WORD OF PRAYER."

We just want to second the motion of our dear Brother Betts in the Christian Advocate and call for the previous question. Hear him: "He prayed a long, long prayer, preached a long, long sermon and called on me for a word of prayer. 'Lord save everybody' would have been the shortest and most comprehensive prayer I could have offered.

If you think a man has not sense enough to pray a proper prayer, teach him privately but do not insult him publicly by asking for 'a word of prayer.'"

Those are our sentiments. We think to hear one minister in meeting call on another to "please lead in a word of prayer" is irreligious and bad manners.

## Drink-Houses.

America has one licensed saloon to every 300 inhabitants; England one to every 430 inhabitants; Sweden one to 5,000 of its population, Norway and Canada one to every 9,000 people; France has a saloon to every 82 inhabitants, or one to every 25 or 30 adults. No wonder that in France suicides are on the increase and have nearly trebled in a half century; that insanity has nearly doubled there in 30 years, and that tuberculosis has so increased as to carry off 150,000 French people annually. These all follow in Rum's wake.

## THE CHURCH.

*By Rev. J. J. Summerbell, D. D.*

Notwithstanding all the defects of the visible church, there are many pleasant things that may be said of it:

It is an association of those who desire to be good. It is a society founded by the Son of God from heaven. It has a heavenly constitution, a heavenly name, a heavenly spirit. One place of its worship is in heaven. Even on earth it is a place where heavenly lessons are taught; a place of moral instruction. The addresses each week are on the way of living the best life. It is a place equally for old people and young people. It is a society to reform the profligate; to lift up the fallen; to restore the prodigal; to cultivate temperance; to advocate charity, truth, justice, mercy and every noble human sentiment. The best people unite with it. If all were true to the church there would be no evil among men. The following is matter from the Daily News of Dayton, of June 28, 1912:

"The attention of those thoughtless persons who belittle the influence of the church in this country is respectively invited to a statement recently made by Judge Fawcett, of Boston, who for a number of years has occupied the bench of a criminal court. It will do much to set such persons right in their criticisms.

Judge Fawcett says that since he has been upon the bench 2,700 criminal cases have come under his notice. He has questioned each one of the accused persons as to his religious training and his church affiliation—if he had any. Out of the entire number he has not found a single instance where the accused was an active member of the church, or had been up to within a comparatively recent time. He found very few who had ever at any time in their lives been members of the church, and by far the largest part of them were not from families with any church connection.

Among the boys who have appeared before the judge, there has not been one who was a regular attendant at Sunday school. A very small per cent of the youthful offenders have ever been inside of a Sunday school.

Then the judge goes a little further. He says that when he suspends sentence and places a boy on probatioon, he insists that the young fellow join a Sunday school. When the probationer does so, he has no further trouble with him. The probationers who are arraigned in court are invariably those who refuse to accept the judge's advice to attend the Sunday school.

Now, with such testimony—and a lot more just like it, can be had of any student of crime—entirely unsolicited, how can any man or any set of men oppose religious training? What argument can be advanced to overcome the statement from a hard-headed old judge?"

It is no wonder that Bible writers, or Jesus, symbolize the church with such words and names as vine, vineyard, city of precious stones, bride, kingdom of heaven, and Christ's body.

N. Summerbell said something like the following about it:

The most glorious institution in the world is the church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

It forms the barrier of righteousness against sin, and is in constant campaign against evil. The church buildings with their tall steeples mark the progress of its march, and the presence of its spiritual warriors. Its pulpits and prayer-meetings are like bulwarks of moral and mortal combat, from which are hurled upon the armies of sin, by the artillery of heaven, continued discharges of heavenly truth. From town to town, from village to village, from city to city, from state to state, all over America and Europe, and some of Asia and Africa, steeple signals steeple, and church bell answers church bell, showing that the church of the Lord Jesus Christ is present, and alive to its work of saving men. Pulpit echoes pulpit, choir answers choir, till the harmony of heavenly sound encompasses the earth, and every note says salvation.

In the church the law of God and its promises are read. The life precepts, sermons and example of Jesus Christ are the center of thought.. Christ is there preached with every moral force and sanction. The beauties and benefits of virtue are expounded, and the rewards of a future life to those who practice virtue. There the duties of life are set forth: obedience to law; obedience to parents; obedience to conscience and all high and noble impulse. There exhortations to holiness are heard, and arguments against sin, dishonesty and vice. There is sacred singing, with its hallowed influences and associations. There is the Sunday school with its sublime lessons. There is the association of saints with the memory of the righteous dead, and the suggestion of immortality and future judgment.

Do not forget the wonderful blessings preserved by the church even to wicked people: Christian society and Sunday schools for their children; a church to go to when they desire; religious help or consolation when sick or dying; the institutions of charity, education and reform.

Dayton, Ohio.

## THE COLLEGE A MOUTHPIECE OF THE CHURCH.

The church is invisible. But its agents and its institutions through which it speaks are visible, tangible. Sometimes these agents and institutions are mistaken for the church itself. The church manifests glimpses of its real nature in manifold and sundry ways, by missions, by equipping and sustaining orphanages, and by fostering intelligence in schools and colleges.

The Southern Christian Convention has founded among other institutions and movements an avenue of expression through Elon College. The voice of the Christian Church in the South is being impressively heard through Elon College as one of its big trumphets. Let this trumpet of Christian intelligence be sounded louder and with even a clearer note of Christian character. How shall we make the trumpet call of this Christian College louder and more appealing and attractive? One way is by talking for it, working for students, and praying for it in every local church even more than we are now doing. The Board of Trustees found it necessary to relieve the members of the faculty from the necessity of canvassing for students during the summer vacation. This was done in order that they might have these months for special preparation for the teaching of the coming year, in order to keep the standard of instruction up to the growing responsibility of the College. The soliciting of new students, therefore, now falls more directly upon the local church members. The greater the voice of Elon the greater the power of the local church. In order that the church may sound the note of Christian intelligence louder and clearer, seek to send to the College the best and most promising young men and young women of your local church, and impress upon them that their lives at Elon are wanted to sound an even louder and truer note than we have yet had of Christian intelligence. The College does not need those who by thriftlessness in study and persistent proneness to sin would muffle and drown rather than sound clearer and richer the voice of the church through Elon as a swelling trumpet of Christian intelligence. The College needs for its high mission as a voice of the church that bright promising young life in your community. It needs for the same purpose also that other young life in your community, that is perhaps not so promising, not so brilliant but that life with a noble purpose and with a heart to endure. Let the spirit of telling co-operation between a Christian college and every friend and

local churchman as well, continue and be increased until Elon shall overflow with students of purpose and nobility of character.

Pass a good word for Elon down the line to every yearning noble heart that longs for her helpful Christian intelligence.

W. P. Lawrence.

## THE CHARM OF THE IMPOSSIBLE.

By Edward D. Coller,
Deputy Grand Chaplain, Kappa Sigma Pi.

A prominent General Secretary of one of our State Sunday School Associations recently said, "In my conventions and conferences of Sunday School workers there is one question that is sure to be brought up in every meeting: 'How can we win and hold the big boys?' To a very large number of Christian workers this seems impossible. Margaret Slattery says, "The charm of the impossible lures us on and challenges us to our best effort." We certainly have the advantage of this charm in

OUR NATIONAL BOY PROBLEM

In the United States we have about 10,000,000 boys of school age. Out of this number the Sunday school reaches in a more or less definite way about 2,000,000 and a very large majority of the remaining 8,000,000 receive scarcely any real, evangelistic Bible instruction. And yet, within a very few years these boys will hold in their hands the reins of the church and the nation. A teacher of boys said, "Well, I have tried everything in sight and yet I have utterly failed to win the boys." If every teacher who has had a like experience would speak at once what a tremendous chorus there would be!

DOING THE IMPOSSIBLE.

Some years ago a Bible School teacher in Columbus, Ohio, who had "tried everything in sight" was not satisfied to give up until he had tried a plan that was *not* in sight. He went earnestly to God for a plan to help him win the boys. In some ways the plan is radical but it is founded upon Christ and the Apostles and it soon won, not only his own class to Christ and the Church, but, it was the direct means of bringing into the school more than 50 other boys who up to that time had no connection with the church or school.

DISTINCTLY CHRISTIAN

The organization is founded upon this principle:(quoted from the boy's opening service) "We accept Christ as our Savior and Commander and select Paul as our type of heroic and manly character." The founder of this organization, D. H. Jemison, says of it, "It was born of God to meet a great need." And although it is strictly Christian there is provided all the fun in the way of clean sports, atheletics, summer camps, scouting etc., that can possibly be desired in any worthy organization for boys.

BOYS' ORGANIZATIONS COMPARED.

The most important factor in any organization for boys is the adult leader. Yet much depends upon the form of the organization which should be determined by its purpose and by the religious viewpoint of the organizer. Many workers think that they "must do something for the boys" and they often take the first plan that is offered, or, work out some crude form of their own. Very few go to the basic principles of either the boy nature or the religioius laws involved.

1. If one's purpose is to develop GOOD CITIZENSHIP AND PATRIOTISM alone then the organization should be military and civic in its nature with drills and tactics in governmental affairs. The Boy Scout movement originated in England to meet a demand for more patriotism in the army. The movement will create a healthier moral atmosphere, under proper leadership, and may be made the basis for fellowship with the boys, but it has no organic relation to the Christian Church.

2. If one's object is MORAL only,, and he seeks only the general uplift of the boy-life of the community, then he should form a general club for all the boys of the community with little or no vow, but with reading room, atheletics, games and practical talks on popular subjects etc.

3. If we desire to teach RELIGIOUS ETHICS in a general way without being definite in our standard of faith or conduct, then a ritualistic can be selected, based upon some historical or legendary character, which would not be offensive to Jews, Roman Catholics, Unitarians or any other sect, and many good things may be taught the boys that will improve their condition from an ethical standpoint.

4. But, if one wants the boys to become CHRISTIANS and desires to lead them into the loyal service of Jesus Christ and His Church, why should he seek in indefinite and uncertain fields for a plan to do the work? An organization is only an instrument and must be wielded by consecrated hands to be effective, but, why ask our Christian workers to do their work with tools never designed for the work that Christians are called to do? If a boy is saved in his best condition for a life of devoted service for others by instruction in ethics and good citizenship we had better stop our preaching and taching the Gospel of Christ. It is belittling the Gospel and the character of the boy to dodge the real issue of life as it is in Christ Jesus. ,

In the Kappa Sigma Pi the boys are taught the fundamental doctrines of Christ which are happily beyond sectarian controversy and lead in a definite, practical way to accept Christ, enter His service and train themselves in the work of the church.

If non-Christian organizations are just as good to use in the Christian Church to win boys to Christ then why not preach Shakespear from our pulpits instead of the Bible? By using non-Christian organizations for our boys we are not only largely wasting our efforts, but, also are losing our only opportunity of winning this generation of boys to Christ. Our records show that fully 90 percent of the Kappa Sigma Pi boys accept Christ as their personal Savior and unite with the church. Free literature will be sent upon request to the Kappa Sigma Pi, 222 Fourth Ave. W. Cincinnati, Ohio. U. S. A.

## *SINGING*

On a trip collecting for the Christian Sun, I chanced to be present at Bethel church Wake County, N. C. on the 5th Sunday in June 1912 at what turned out to be a contest of singing classes. There were present four classes: Bethel, Buckhorn, New Elam and Union Grove Schoolhouse. The classes sang separately and together. Each could made good music and all combined very good. People were there both to take part and to listen to those who sang.

A conservatice estimate placed the number present at seven or eight hundred, and sufficient refreshments had been prepared to feed all present by each family taking along a basket full.

To this winter, it was a novel affair, and yet one very enjoyable. Rev. J. S. Carden, the pastor of Bethel church was present and in charge of the whole affair.

I have given this item so that, if others think it worth while, they may adopt the same custom.

Evidently preparation in song service had been made by the various classes, and that is one thing that commends the occasion, as most churches need better music.

C. C. Peel.

Elon College, N. C.

—In another column appears the annual announcement of the Agricultural and Mechanical College. This College is doing a splendid work for the industries of the State. Its graduates are in demand at good salaries and are found in all walks of industrial life. Young men who desire to fit themselves for useful and remunerative service cannot do better than to inform themselves about this College.

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The Office of Publication is Greensboro, N. C., 302½ S. Elm St. The Editorial Office is at Elon College, N. C., as heretofore, to which office all communications for the editor should be directed.

—The Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company is to move its head offices from Raleigh to Greensboro, N. C., August 1st.

—Maj. Gen. R. F. Hoke of this State, a distinguished soldier and ranking officer of the Confederacy, died at Lincolnton, N. C., July 3rd.

—Rev. J. Lee Johnson and Pastor J. F. Morgan are to begin a series of meetings at Graham church this, Wednesday, p. m. and expect to continue the same several days.

—If, as is alleged, American heiresses marry alien nobles in order to purchase a name, we opine that the former Miss Gladys Vanderbilt got her money's worth. Her name since marriage is Countess Szechenyi. Sneeze that if you can, and then say she spent her money foolishly(?).

—The Christian church at Kite, Ga., through Bro. J. S. Stephenson, cashier of the Citizen's Bank of that place, sends expressions of thanks and appreciation for a handsome pulpit Bible recently donated to the church by the Citizens' Bible Class of Elon College.

—Pleasant Grove Church, Halifax Co., Va., is planning a home-coming service for Saturday, August 3rd, at which time it is hoped and desired that every member of the church will be present and answer to their names, or if not within reach to be present in person, then to answer by letter or in some way as the name is called.

—It will go on and on till the end of time, no doubt, that reckless boys will venture too far, go to an untimely grave and carry tears and bitterness to parents and loved ones, and to give the warning seems little worth while. However, here is another sad and sorrowful instance, and we record it from the daily press just as it is:

—"Just because somebody blundered 41 people went to their death and many more were injured in a train wreck on the Lackawanna railroad near Corning, N. Y., July 4th." So ran a news item in the dispatches the other day. Yes, "just because somebody blundered." And just because somebody blunders thousands are going down to wreck and ruin every day. "Just because somebody blunders."

—Rev. A. M. Hanson, after spending a fine twelve days' vacation in Iowa, entered Chicago University where he is now pursuing his studies. He writes, "Am enjoying my work here very much. The school is a very large affair. During August I hope to enjoy vacation in Iowa, and in the fall to enter Princeton." Bro. Hanson's present address is Room 59, Middle Divinity, University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.

—The Young People's Convention of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference meets with the church at Monticello, Guilford Co., N. C., July 16-18 inclusive. All Sunday schools, Christian Endeavor, and other Societies entitled to delegates should prepare to be represented, and ministers of the Conference should make ready to attend. Mr. J. S. Truitt, Elon College, N. C., is Recording and Field Secretary, and to him correspondence should be addressed relative to the Convention.

—Reports are current in the papers now that strong pressure is being brought to bear, by members of his party, upon President Taft to get him to decline the nomination, recently tendered him at Chicago, as candidate to succeed himself, and also upon ex-President Roosevelt, to get him to desist from forming a third party, and to see if the leaders cannot agree upon a man in the party who will reconcile both factions. The papers report much effort in this direction, but with what result is not yet made known.

—There yet be those in the world who say, ever and always through ignorance or prejudice, however, that the worst people belong to the church, or that some of the very meanest people are church members. We wish all such could have their attention called to what Judge Fawcett, of Boston, Mass., says, as quoted by Dr. J. J. Summerbell in this issue, in another column under the caption of "The Church." Read Judge Fawcett's testimony and then give your opinion of "the meanest people." This is remarkable and convincing testimony. Look it up and read it and cut it out and show it to your neighbor who does not think much of the church.

## EDITORIAL COMMENT.

### More Endowment.

We congratulate Trinity College, already North Carolina's richest College. Her half million endowment and the $30,000, annual income therefrom are wholly inadequate to meet the demands. The Methodist are moving to raise a million more. A great beginning has been made. The Dukes pledge $650,000; the Educational Board (Rockfeller) pledges $150,000., another $50,000. is secured all on condition that the Methodist of the State make up the balance of the million by Dec. 31 of this year. We just "double dare" anybody to make our Elon College an offer like that and challenge the liberality of our folks. Something would happen, and we presume it will happen even more readily with our Methodist brethren.

### A Busy Man.

Who is he? All of us. All hands work, not excluding "father." I congratulate every friend of mine who deliberately says he has, within a year, really stopped and had a full and free day's rest. (Congratulations on that score are scarce). But what is the use? Aren't we overdoing this thing of being busy? Is there not a sort of egotism in it? Do we not feel our self-importance, and think that we ourselves are actually necessary? I fear so. Moreover, this fear is strengthened by an incident I gather this morning from a New York paper. It is apropos and of interest:

"If I take my hand off my business for a day it feels the loss at once, and, therefore, I cannot leave it," said a New Jersey manufacturer. The friend conversing with him remonstrated against this perpetual devotion to exhausting labor, and remarked that his sons could manage the business during his absence. "My sons cannot do it," he said, "nor can anybody else." "But," said his friend, "some day you will die, and then your sons, or somebody else, will be compelled to manage the business." To which he replied: "Well, I am in no immediate peril." And, indeed, the man seemed to be justified in his confidence. He was in the full flush of health and in the prime of life. Within a year he was seized with a disease which is often caused by overwork, and in a few months was gone. The sons have managed the business ever since."

That man, besides indulging in the luxury of overwork—a real, genuine luxury now to many—was exceedingly "puffed up" and didn't realize it. It is well enough to remember, "There are others." And furthermore, that, though the work-

ers die, the work goes on. In the movement of the wheel called Time you are not a necessary cog, and don't you fool yourself into thinking so.

### Hot Weather.

Of course the weather is warm. Why should it not be? It is due; and has arrived properly. Moreover, it was needed. Else how would the wholesome crops grow, and the harmful grass get killed by the eager farmer? Yes, the weather is hot, just as it should be. But what we want to say about it in particular here is just what the Board of Health says in its advice as to how to best deal with it and so keep cool. Listen:

"Well, anyway, don't worry about it. We are scheduled for hot weather, and worrying will not cool it any. On the other hand, worrying is sure to make you feel much hotter. Take things easy. Smile at the other fellow when he says he is hot. Be good natured. A cool temper and a sunny disposition go well with hot weather.

"Be discriminating in your eating. Leave off meats, particularly fat meats, butter, and all greasy, oily, heavy foods, at least until cold weather. Eat sparingly of fish or eggs, if you think you must have animal food. Take advantage of the fruit, vegetable and berry season. It was not an accident that such seasons come in summer. Drink a lot, but be careful what you drink. Make sure that it is water, pure and simple, and that its character and quality are above reproach or suspicion. Drink enough water to supply abundant perspiration. It is not a disgrace to perspire. It is an aid to health and comfort. It is nature's own method of cooling the body and ridding it of waste matter. Perspire freely in hot weather. It goes a long way toward keeping happy, healthy, cool, and comfortable in summer."

Now isn't that fine? We think so. Try it, friends, try it, especially that part about not fretting over it.

## THE WORK BEGINS.

### How the Accounts Start.

And now if it please God we of the Southern Christian Convention shall have a Publishing House wherewithal to publish our Christian Sun and the ten thousand other pages that we must needs print, if we are to do our part in the world's good work. The clans assembled in the Convention at Elon in May took counsel together, saw and realized the great necessity, and decided that the thing must be done. Since that good day men and Committees have been busy praying, planning, pushing as best they might in the preliminary work, which was not a little. These men and committees have taken counsel together and have done their best. Ten days ago they deemed their work done, so that representatives might begin to solicit subscribers for stock. Very little solicitation has been done. Rev. C. C. Peel, who was to work at this, has been busy with affairs for The Sun, and J. O. Atkinson, who is the other appointee to this task had to go to Alabama for an engagement, and to many places last week. Only a few of the brethren have been seen. But almost to a man they have responded. All agree that the plan is a wise one and that it should carry, and will.

The plan is to sell $10,000 in stock at $50. the share, par value. When $5,000 has been subscribed, call for one-half that amount and begin the erection of a roomy one-story brick building, to cost not exceeding $2,000. When the other $5,000 shall have been subscribed, call for half that amount. Begin then to buy and install equipment. In six months from time of the first payment, call for the remainder, complete the equipment and begin work.

Will our loyal laymen and business men of the Christian church respond and take the stock? Well, why not? Those of other churches and denominations have done so, and to their profit, both in good deeds and in dollars. Are our business men any less business like, our people any less loyal than those of other churches? We think not. At any rate they are beginning to speak. Subscribers thus far are as follows:

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| Walker Pearson .... | 1 share | $ 50.00 |
| J. M. Welch ..... | 1 share | 50.00 |
| J. H. Floyd ..... | 1 share | 50.00 |
| W. A. Harper ..... | 1 share | 50.00 |
| I. W. Johnson ..... | 1 share | 50.00 |
| W. T. Walters ..... | 1 share | 50.00 |
| C. A. Hines ..... | 1 share | 50.00 |
| W. C. Wicker ..... | 2 shares | 100.00 |
| J. O. Atkinson ..... | 2 shares | 100.00 |
| C. C. Peel ..... | 1 share | 50.00 |
| Mrs. T. H. Winborne | 2 shares | 100.00 |
| P. W. Farmer ..... | 5 shares | 250.00 |
| A. B. Farmer ..... | 5 shares | 250.00 |
| Mrs. M. F. Cook .... | 2 shares | 100.00 |
| D. S. Farmer ..... | 2 shares | 100.00 |
| Joseph H. Farmer .. | 1 share | 50.00 |
| W. J. Pierce ..... | 1 share | 50.00 |
| S. A. Holleman ..... | 1 share | 50.00 |
| | | $1,550.00 |

The standing of this fund and subscriptions to sock will be reported weekly.

Meanwhile, if there be those who want shares of stock at once, and before we can see them, write us, and the same will be appreciated and will have immediate attention.

## SUFFOLK LETTER.

By the kindness of Col. J. E. West Brother H. Woodward and I motored to Norfolk, Virginia, in the afternoon of June 30, to be present at the Installation services of the Rev. Dr. Warren H. Dennison, the new pastor of the "Memorial Christian Temple" whose pulpit has been vacant for several months.

Quite an elaborate program was carried out literally, in the presence of a fair-sized and interested congregation.

The meeting was in charge of Rev. I. W. Johnson who had been requested to preside. After an organ voluntary, the chairman invoked the Divine blessing. Rev. W. H. Garman, pastor of Lambert's Point Christian church read the Scripture lesson.

Rev. Dr. R. A. Robinson, pastor of Colley Memorial Presbyterian church, Norfolk, propounded the usual questions to the new pastor, and offered the installation prayer, after which a hymn was sung.

The charge to the pastor was delivered by Rev. J. W. Harrell, paster of Portsmouth Christian church, and the charge to the church by Rev. W. W. Staley.

Mr. Mordaunt Etheridge then rendered a fine solo.

Addresses of welcome followed, Rev. Dr. N. G. Newman on behalf of the Eastern Virginia Christian Conference; Rev. George Wesley Jones, Pastor of Park Place Methodist church, on behalf of Tidewater Ministerial Union; Rev. J. T. Anderson, pastor Park Avenue Baptist church, on behalf of the Christian community; and Dr. T. E. Baird on behalf of the Temple Congregation outdid himself in his speech. The new pastor, Dr. Dennison, responded very happily and Miss Eloise Price sang a solo. A hymn was sung and the Benediction pronounced by Rev. R. S. Booth, the new pastor of the Third Christian church, Norfolk.

The exercises opened at 3:00 P. M. and were wisely planned, quietly executed, and spiritually impressive. The different denominations represented by city pastors added a feature of fraternity that crowned the occasion with feelings which all enjoyed. This spirit seems to be growing in Protestantism and promises more for the cause of Christianity than is yet believed. It eliminates controversy and debate from the ecclesiastical field and this quiet is interpeted by many as a decline in religion. War attracts more attention than peace, but progress is made after the smoke of the battle is cleared away. Christianity never moved so noiselessly and so steadily as at the present time, and her great gains are hardly observed.

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## Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor.

This department under the direction of Young People's General Convention. Frequent news items from Sunday schools, organized classes, and C. E. societies are desired. If you are interested in either or about to organize, address the department's editor,

CHARLES A. HINES, Editor and Cor. Sec., Greensboro, N. C

### A REALLY LIVE CONVENTION.

It was the writer's privilege to attend a part of the sessions of the New Bethel Township Sunday school convention last Saturday and Sunday, June 29-30. This is one of Rockingham county's most progressive townships, and nearly a dozen Sunday schools are embraced in the Convention. The Christian church has three of the number—New Lebanon, Mt. Bethel, and Kallum Grove. All of these were represented and had good reports. The convention was featured by many excellent addresses and the children's day exercises on Sunday afternoon. Two practical addresses were made by Hon. A. D. Ivie, and there were other speakers. Plans were laid for effective work next year.

The success of the meeting is due largely to the efficient and enthusiastic township president, Brother Reuben Truitt, who was unanimously reelected.

### Another C. E. Society Added.

We are glad to note the organization of a Christian Endeavor Society in Liberty Christian Church, Nathalie, Va., with the following officers: Miss Elsie Bray, president; Miss Alli Lee Arendel, secretary; Mr. H. W. Tuck, treasurer. We trust we shall have frequent news from this society and its 22 members, which is a splendid starter.

### Virginia's New Plan.

At the recent Virginia Convention of Christian Endeavorers it was decided to divide the State into districts and in the next year greatly add to the number of societies in the Old Dominion. We believe members of our church will do their part.

### NOTICE.

The Eastern Virginia Sunday School Convention meets at the Portsmouth Christian Church July 24-26, 1912. Come everybody. H. E. Rountree.

### NOTICE.

Blanks for reports have recently been mailed to the Secretaries of the Sunday schools of Western N. C. Conference for reports to Young People's Convention,

Any school not receiving blanks will please notify me at once.

R. C. Cox, Sec.

Liberty, N. C.

### NOTES ON C. E. TOPIC, JULY 21.

**Subject—Christian Common Sense. Proverbs 4:1-9.**

Some one has said that "Common sense is the most uncommon thing in the world." There is a grain of truth in this, but it is well to remember that when one acts with common sense we are not likely to notice it as when he slips up, failing to exercise prudence. There are those who exercise common sense in business, and yet fail with regard to church and charity.

There are often situations in which we must act hastily. It is for this reason that we must cultivate the using of common sense, then when the times come when we must act hastily there will be a sub-conscious self cultivated within us upon which we can rely. A definition of common sense is not easy, but I think it might be summed up about as follows: "The exercise of that reasonable and prudent foresight and care in our conduct, language and thought that would befit an intelligent, honest, Christian man in like circumstances."

The test of common sense is its practical nature. This is true in the church and in business. The visionary man is usually impractical and too often lacking in that quality which forms our subject. Common sense does not mean that high degree of skill, intelligence or acumen obtained by some, but merely the sound, substantial, honest foresight and care of the careful man.

### From Other Pens.

Booker T. Washington has said: "I shall never forget a remark made to me by Mr. John D. Rockefeller when I was spending an evening at his house. It was to this effect: 'Always be master of the details of your work; never have too many loose outer edges or fringes.'"

General Grant showed common sense when asked why he did not swear, though a rough soldier. He replied that he had never seen any use in it and it only made things worse, and people more angry; hence he had never appropriated the habit.

A person with Christian common sense will not expect God to do for him what he can do for himself. He will not pray for certain things and then sit with folded hands awaiting the answer; he will do all he can to help bring about the answer to his own prayer. Christian common sense applies thought, care, and practical methods to Christian work as to any other work.

A ministerial graduate said to a mission board, "I want to begin with a church of one or two members and work it up." They told him, "Your classmates are all seeking big churches." "I don't want to begin at the top and work down," he said. "I want to begin at the bottom and work up." They gave him the opportunity he desired, and he soon had assembled a large congregation which erected a fine building and grew mightily. He was an eloquent preacher and a careful business man with sound sense.

### Electric Sparks for Younger Members.

1. An empty lie sometimes makes a big noise.
2. Some men make high resolves, but build no ladders up to them.
3. Yield to a temptation, and you will find it hard to keep out of doors.
4. It is hard to find room enough to plant a solid truth in an empty mind.
5. The greatest value of benevolence is in the hearty practicing of it.
6. Man is the only animal that cherishes an appetite for strong drink.
7. You can never tell how hard your task is by standing and looking at it.
8. You need not pray for a long vision in order to see an opportunity for service.
9. When some men dress for church, they are very careful to put only small change in their pockets.

### For Daily Reading.

Mon., Listen to the Wise, Prov. 13:13-20.
Tues., Profit by mistakes, 1 Cor. 10:5-12.
Wed., Learn by example, Rom. 15:4, 5.
Thurs., Trust one that knows, Prov. 4: 20-27.
Fri., Listen when God speaks, Heb. 2:1-4.
Sat., Shun all evil, 1 Thess. 5:14-23.
Sun., July 21, Topic.

### PROGRAMME.

Young People's Convention of the North Carolina and Virginia Christian Conference.

Monticello, July 16, 17, 18, 1912.

Tuesday Morning.

Convention called to order E. T. Hines.
bility Rev. L. E. Smith.

2:10 Quartette. Messrs E. T. Hines, W. G. Sharp, J. V. Knight and R. A. Truitt.
2:20 Paper—Teacher Training, Miss Clara Sharp
2:30 How we have had a successful Teacher Training Class. Alfred Apple.
2:40 Conference on Teacher Training Dr. T. C. Amick.
3:00 Filling vacancies on Committees appointing special committees, etc.
3:10 Report of Entertainment Committee.

Tuesday Evening.

8:15 Song Service
8:30 Sermon to Young People Rev. L. E. Smith.
9:00 Announcements, Adjournment.

Wednesday Morning.

10:00 Opening Service Rev. J. W. Wellons.
10:15 Reading minutes of previous day.
,0:25 Enrollment of New Delegates.
10:30 Devotional Exercise Rev. S. B. Klapp
10:45 Welcome Address Rev. L. I. Cox.
10:45 Response J. G. Truitt.
11:00 Enrollment of Delegates, officers and Ministers.
11:15 Election of Officers
11:30 Annual address Prof. W. P. Lawrence
11:50 Miscellaneous Bussiness.
12:00 Adjournment for dinner.

.. Tuesday Afternoon. .. .....

1:30 Song Service.
1:45 Report of Committee on Teacher Training W. A. Harper, Chairman.
1:50 Address—The Teacher's Responsi-
10:30 Report of Committee on Sunday Schools. C. A. Hines, Chairman.
10:45 What we need most in our Sunday Schools by each Delegate.
11:05 Vocal Solo. E. T. Hines
11:10 Address. Rev. J. O. Cox
11:30 General Discussion
11:55 Vote on the report
12:00 Adjournment, Benediction.

Wednesday Afternoon .. ....

1:30 Religious Service Rev. P. T. Klapp.
1:45 Report of Committee on Organized class work. W. H. Honeycutt, Chm.
1:55 Address C. A. Hines.
2:15 Music—Duet.
2:20 Paper—Organized Class Work. Mrs. L. E. Smith.
2:30 What the Organized class has done for us. Rev. J. V. Knight.
2:45 Vote on repoort.
2:50 Address Dr. W. A. Harper.
3:20 Miscellaneous Business
3:30 Adjournment

Wednesday Evening

8:15 Song Service.
8:30 Sermon. Dr. J. O. Atkinson.
9:00 Benediction. Rev. C. C. Peel.

Thursday Morning.

10:00 Quiet Hour Rev. L. I Cox.
10:15 Report of Committee of Christian Endeavor Rev. J. F. Morgan.
,0:20 Address B. J. Earp
10:40 Open Parliament, Dr. W. A. Harper
11:00 Vote on report.
11:30 Report of Special Committees.
12:00 Adjournment.

Thursday Afternoon.

1:30 Opening Service Rev. R. P. Crumpler.
1:45 Report of Committee on Home Missions, Rev. J. W. Holt Chairman.
1:55 General Discussion. Rev. P. T. Klapp
2:25 Miscellaneous Business.
3:00 Adjournment, Benediction. Rev. T. B. Dawson.

## WESTERN N. C. CONVENTION.

The Young People's Convention of the Western North Carolina Conference will be held with Pleasant Hill Christian Church, Alamance County, July 26, 27, and 28, 1912. The program follows:

**Friday Afternoon, 3 O'clock.**

Call to order by president, Rev. J. F. Morgan.

Devotional services, Rev. H. F. Wolfe.

Enrollment of ministers, superintendents and delegates.

Address of Welcome, Thomas Carter.

Response, T. J. Green.

Organization.

Annual sermon—by president, Rev. J. F. Morgan.

Report of Executive Committee, Rev. J. F. Morgan, Chairman.

Filling vacancies on standing committees.

Report of entertainment committee.

Adjournment.

**Saturday 9:30 A. M.**

Scripture reading and prayer, Rev. L. I. Cox.

Report of committee on Sunday schools, C. B. Riddle, Chairman.

Address: The Pastor's Relation to the Sunday school, Rev. H. F. Wolfe.

Address: The S. S. Supt.—his work, Prof. W. P. Lawrence.

General discussion and vote on report.

Report of committee on Teacher Training, Prof. R. C. Cox, Chairman.

General discussion, lead by chairman and vote on report.

Adjournment.

**Saturday Afternoon 2 P. M.**

Devotional exercises, L. W. Fogleman.

Report of committee on Christian Endeavor, Rev. L. I. Cox, chairman.

Address: The Relation of Christian Endeavor to the Sunday school, Prof. T. C. Amick.

Address: How to Make Christian Endeavor Go, Dr. W. A. Harper, President of Elon College.

General discussion and vote on report.

Report of committee on music, Miss Blanche Teague, Chairman.

General discussion and vote on report.

Adjournment.

**Sunday 9:00 A. M.**

Prayer and Praise Service led by Prof. F. M. Wright.

Address: What is the value of the Young People's Convention? Rev. B. J. Earp.

Six two-minute talks by delegates on "What I think of the Young People's Convention."

Report of tabulating committee, O. T. Hatch, Chairman.

Vote on report.

Report of special committees.

Selection of place for next session, and the election of speaker to deliver the next annual addrss.

Miscllaneous business.

(All business of convention to be transacted now.)

Adjournment for preaching at 11 o'clock by Rev. J. O. Atkinson, D. D.

**Sunday, 2 P. M.**

Devotional exercises, Rev. H. A. Albright.

Report of committee on Home Missions, S. D. Scott, Chairman.

Address: Needs of Home Mission work in the bounds of this Convention, Jno. L. Carr, High Point.

General discussion and vote on report.

Report of committee on organized classes, L. W. Fogleman, Chairman.

Address: Do organized classes pay? C. B. Riddle.

General discussion and vote on report.

Five two-minute talks by delegates or visiting workers on "What this convention has meant to me."

Final Adjournment.

J. F. Morgan, President.

R. C. Cox, Secretary.

## EASTERN VIRGINIA CONVENTION.

Following is the program of the Eastern Virginia Sunday school convention, to be held at Portsmouth, July 24-26.

**Wednesday Morning, July 24.**

Rev. W. W. Staley, D. D., President, presiding.

10:00 Song Service, led by Rev. I. W. Johnson.

10:15 Devotional, led by Rev. W. H. Denison, D. D.

10:30 Roll Call and enrollment.

10:50 Welcome:

On Behalf of the Tidewater Association, Rev. D. A. Keys.

On Behalf of the Church and the Sunday school, Rev. J. W. Harrell.

On Behalf of the City, Hon. J. Davis Reed, Mayor.

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## WOMAN'S HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN CONVENTION.

**Members of the Board.**

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Mrs. H. W. Elder, Richland, Ga.

This Department is edited by Mrs. C. H. Rowland, Franklin, Va., assisted by the other members of the Board, to whom all items of missionary interest and matter for the Department should be sent.

### TO THE WOMEN OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH—A CHALLENGE.

The Southern Christian Convention has created a woman's Board of Home and Foreign Missions, but creation is not all that is needed to make the missionary efforts of the women of the church effective, efficient.

This work to which we have been called and commissioned is a great and important work and has been too long neglected among us. What shall we do? How shall we do it?

To decide those two burning interrogations the Woman's Board of the Convention met recently in Raleigh, N. C., and after careful planning, consideration, and earnest prayer decided that our object for the present year should be to raise $1,000 aside from special donations for special purposes for missions. Can we do it? Shall we do it? That depends upon the spirit in us and the determination with which we set about our task. Here are more than ten thousand women and girls in the membership of the Convention. This means ten cents each for missions per year, less than a penny per month. Can we refuse to do so little for a cause so deserving and so imperative? Can we? Let the consecrated womanhood of the church answer. We are not in doubt as to their answer. The method adopted to raise this money is briefly as follows:

Organize a Woman's Missionary Society in every church where it is at all possible. Organize the young people into Young people's Missionary Societies. Organize the children into an auxiliary band of Willing workers. Organize a Cradle Roll Department also. Through the membership fees raised in this way and by gifts from honorary members and from interested individuals it is expected that the women of the different Conferences will send up to their Conference Woman's Treasurer quarterly, who in turn will send it to Mrs. W. T. Walters, Winchester, Va., the Treasurer of the Women's Board of the Convention, one fourth the amount each quarter of the amount mentioned in the following table:

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| Eastern Virginia | $300 |
| Eastern North Carolina | 150 |
| Western North Carolina | 150 |
| North Carolina and Virginia | 150 |
| Virginia Valley—Central | 100 |
| Alabama | 80 |
| Georgia and Alabama | 75 |
| Total | $1,000 |

We women can do this if we will. We can do it and we will. Let us get active at once on this great behalf and let us not be found wanting when we are at the end of the year weighed in the balances.

Together, one and all, together, together we cannot fail

Mrs. W. A. Harper,
Mrs. W. H. Carroll,
Committee.

### NEW SOCIETIES ORGANIZED.

Mrs. T. E. White reports three more societies organized in the W. N. C. Conference—Union Grove, Miss Beulah Brown, Pres., Miss Ada Phillips, Sec., and Treas.; Spoon's Chapel, Mrs. Pugh, Pres., Mrs. Kinney, Vice-Pres., Miss Iza Pugh, Sec. and Treas.; Ramseur, Mrs. T. A Moffitt, Pres., Mrs. J. A. Parks, Vice-Pres., Miss Dafney Marley, Sec. and Treas. She also reports a Willing Workers Society at Ramseur with fifteen members. This completes the organization of a Woman's Society in each of Mr. White's six churches. Mr and Mrs. White, as will be remembered, were once in the field in Porto Rico, and feel deeply interested in the work for missions that we women are trying to do. Would that all pastors and their wives felt likewise. We would then soon have a Woman's Missionary Society in every church in the Southern Convention. So again, we would like to ask the pastors to push the work of organizing societies in their churches. The Woman's Board looks to them for hearty co-operation in the work. As leaders of the people, they are in a better position than any other to inspire courage and faith in the timid and faint-hearted. Also, as leaders of the people, it is incumbent upon them to become acquainted with the work, the need for it and the good to be accomplished by it, and present it to their people.

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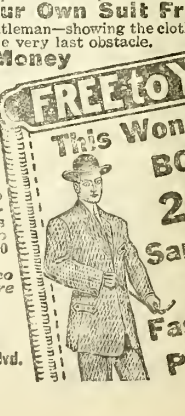

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Great rivers that enrich vast areas and bear on their bosom the tonnage of great cities move quietly in their course; Christianity has reached the stage of vastness, gigantic strength, widespread usefulness, and she need not sound a trumpet in her course.

The Temple, with her new pastor, enters the larger field of her useful history; and Dr. Dennison has proved himself a workman that need not be ashamed in other cities and bring to this charge the experience that promises large things for Norfolk. The south welcomes him and his family with her whole heart.

W. W. Staley.

## COLLEGE NOTES.

Mrs. C. E. Newman and children, Henderson, N. C., have been visiting relatives amid scenes of former days for the past week. Elon is always glad to welcome the Alumni.

Rev. J. W. Wellons spent the week-end in Durham. Rev. J. O. Cox was finishing up the debt in his Church and wished Uncle Wellons to be present at the jollification scenes.

Dr. J. U. Newman, our worthy dean, delivered a great educational address at the McLeansville Fourth of July celebration. The Greensboro Daily News gave a full account of the address.

Prof. W. P. Lawrence delivered an address before the Junior Order at Ramseur on the principles of that fraternity on Thursday, and on Sunday preached at Long's Chapel for Rev. J. W. Holt, who was sick.

Dr. Atkinson reported an excellent trip to the Far South and a promising awakening in missions and a good prospect for Elon this fall.

Dr. Wicker has been voted a month's vacation by his Palm St. Church. He is this week in Moore County and reports things bright for the College.

Rev. C. C. Peel reports an exeellent and profitable trip for the Sun last week in Moore and adjoining counties.

Mr. C. B. Riddle, who is assisting with the office work, filled the morning and evening appointments of Rev. T. E. Davis of the Burlington Methodist Protestant Church Sunday. He is to preach for Dr. W. S. Long the first Sunday in August at Pleasant Grove, Randolph Co., Dr. Long hoping to be in a meeting at Pleasant Grove, Va., at that time.

The Building Committee of the Board of Trustees had a called meeting at the home of Brother K. B. Johnson Wednesday. None of the plans of the architect's submitted were satisfactory, and so final action on the young men's gymnasium was deferred till more suitable plans should be in hand, which will be shortly. Work begins this week on the Young Ladies' Gymnasium room.

The Graded school has purchased the lot belonging to Brother Willis J. Lee, opposite Mrs. Tate's, and will erect thereon before Oct. 1st, a four thousand dollar, eight room, brick school house. Our citizens are delighted over this advance step.

Rev. J. V. Knight returned Saturday night from his home in Alabama, where he had been taking a month's vacation, and went out to his appointment at Berea immediately. Brother Knight should have arrived at 10:08 A. M. of that date, but he got behind a freight wreck at Greenville, S. C., and then was on No. 36 that afternoon at 3:30 when she was wrecked in the city limits of Greensboro. Brother Knight feels grateful for his safety, and his friends will rejoice with him. He brought back an application for Elon from a Georgia student.

Mrs. W. A. Harper is visiting her father and mother at Union Ridge.

Mrs. T. W. Chandler and little son have returned home to Virgilina, Va., after an extended visit to Mrs. Chandler's parents.

Miss Annie Watson is visiting in Durham.

Misses Lillian Aldridge and Mamie Love Kimball were pleasant callers on Thursday.

Prof. and Mrs. Lawrence and family went on a pleasant trip to Asheville Tuesday.

Mrs. and Miss Wilson are taking the cooling-off spell at Blowing Rock, N. C.

Mr. J. Adolph Long, Mayor of Graham, N. C., is being urged for the legislature in Alamance County. Mr. Long is a son Elon is proud of. The county will do well to secure his services.

Almost every day brings in one or more applications from prospective students. Already there are 40 per cent. as many applicants signed up as singed up during the previous summer. Truly our friends are at work, and we appreciate it. Elon may be poor in dollars, but she is rich in friends. We are grateful for every one of them. Our future is in their hands. Help us, friends.

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My Dear Children:—

With the roar of the ocean in my ears, and a bit tired from the long ride from Morehead City, I am writing to you, and this advice goes with my letter: if you have never seen the ocean—go! At first sight, I guess, you would exclaim as did litle James, "Look a-yonder, look a-yonder!"

Accompanied by Aunt Myrtle, Mary Lee and James, we spent a few days at Beaufort and Morehead City. The ocean is grand, and a little wading and surf-bathing fine, but we do not care for the "squall" we encountered in coming back across the sound. A little of this was enough for "land birds," so we decided to look at the water the next day and not go over, as it was "cloudy." We enjoyed the fresh fish and clam fritters and had a pleasant time.

Coming to Goldsboro Tuesday, we had to wait three hours, so decided we'd go to the Odd Fellows' Orphanage. This was indeed a pleasant visit. Supt. Wagoner was very kind to show us through the buildings, which are indeed fine.

Every convenience is theirs, and on every hand we saw a well ordered and nicely kept home. It was our privilege to take dinner with the children, and as we were quite hungry,we did justice to the good substantial food set before us. You should have seen the two immense onions James brought home, and which were raised in their big onion bed. We loved to be with them, for it seemed like our own home boys and girls. They now have 84 boys and 82 girls. Situated about three quarters of a mile from the depot, near enough for the conveniences of the City, the Odd Fellows' Home is caring for her children in a model way, adding more and more to her grounds every year, and is a blessing to humanity the extent of which God alone knows.

An all day trip brought us home, and after all, this section is the ideal place in which to live. The mountains and ocean are grand and beautiful, but take it all round, year after year, we prefer the Piedmont section of old North Carolina.

We are still hoping for those cousins to arouse and give us full letters and all Sunday schools a once-a-month offering so that we may pass through all "squalls," safely reaching the land of "no debt," which place alone we will be satisfied in regard to our well loved work.

We are glad and thankful for Mrs. West's donation this week, and trust more will follow her example. From now on through the summer the girls will be preparing for winter in the making of garments for cold weather. During the school term we have very little time for sowing, so we try to prepare before hand.

Our planting time is about over and now we begin the cultivation which we hope will meet our expectations.

Yours sincerely,
Uncle Jim.

**Donations..**

One barrel of clothing by Mrs. Jesse West, Waverly, Va., containing thirteen coats, nine pr. pants, three shirts, four waists, 1 dress, 2 skirts, under clothing for boys.

Mc Rae, Ga., June 29, 1912.

Dear Uncle Jim:—

I, Newman, am learning to use the typewriter, so I will make my letters more readable now.

We all went with papa to Cumberland Island last week. He attended the Ga. Educational Association and we, mama, S. E., and Joseph Rabb, played in the ocean most of the time. This is a very safe beach, so we were not much afraid. This Island is about 20 miles long and five miles wide. It is owned by Carnegie and others of that class. They have several very fine club houses. It requires about two hundred men to keep this property in order, and keep out those who would trespass. Bear, deer, and wild turkey are plentiful on this Island. Papa learned from some of the managers that often in the winter many thousands of dollars are spent in a single day. We wish that they would give just one day's waste to the orphanage.

We send our love and dimes.

Fondly,
J. Newman Denton,
S. E. Denton, Jr.,
Jos. Rabb Denton.

How nicely you write, Newman! If you keep on, by the time you are a man you'll be ready for a job that will enable you to give largely to the cause in which now, as a little fellow, you are so faithful.

Sanford, N. C., July 1, 1912.

Dear Uncle Jim:—

I will write as it is time and send my dime.

Well, I got one new member to join, and I think we will soon have another.

We are going to have Children's Day services at our church the second Sunday in this month. I hope that you can come. Our fruit is getting ripe. Have you all much fruit?

Well, I must close, with best wishes,

Your loving niece,
Annie Pearl lWay.

So glad to hear of the new member, Annie. Wish we could have many little workers among our cousins who would feel so interested that the old and new would fill the Corner.

Elon College, N. C., June 30, 1912.

Dear Uncle Jim:—

We are here in full sight of the orphanage, so we can't forget our dues. We are having a fine time. Cousins, we are just having too much fruit. We have to hide it from Helen. We let her have a little, but she wants much.

We stayed two days and nights in and near Durham. We visited the Chandler children near Durham, and Uncle Faucette and "Aunt Juggie" in Durham.

Rev. J. O. Cox and wife came to see us and brought their two sweet babies.

Uncle Johnnie is at Nathalie helping daddy dedicate a church, and we are more than filling his place.

We'll visit you at the Orphanage and bring our letter tomorrow.

Lovingly,
Charles E. Newman, Jr.
Hannah Clare Newman.
Helen Shivers Newman.

Oh, how glad we are to see these faithful little cousins again, and how you do grow! Be careful to keep little Miss Helen away from those fruit trees, for we do not want her to be sick while at Elon.

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Response, Rev. I. W. Johnson.

11:30 Report of the Executive Committee, Rev. W. W. Staley

11:35 Report of Department Superintendents:

Cradle Roll, Miss Margaret Brickhouse.

Primary Union, Mrs. J. J. Lincoln.

Teacher Training, Rev. McD. Howsare.

Home Department, Rev. R. H. Peel.

Decision Day, Prof. S. M. Smith.

Organized Classes, Rev. M. L. Bryant.

Missionary, Rev. J. W. Harrell.

11:50 Annual Address, Prof. O. W. Johnson.

12:50 Business Session.

Appointment of Committees.

**Wednesday Afternoon.**

2:30Song Service, led by Rev. I. W. Johnson.

2:40 The Prayer Hour, led by Rev. W. D. Harward.

2:50 Address: Life in the Sunday School, Rev. H. H. Butler.

3:20 Superintendent's Conference.

3:20 Address: Our Problems and How to Meet Them, Dr. J. W. Manning.

3:40 Address: The Sunday School Superintendent's Opportunity, Rev. Jos. T. Watts, Secretary of Sunday schools of the Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.

4:20 Round Table and Open Discussion, led by Mr. Watts.

4:30 Report of nominating Committee.

Business Session.

Adjournment—Benediction.

**Wednesday Evening 8 O'clock.**

Missions.

8:00 Song Service, by the Choir.

Devotional, Rev. J. W. Harrell, Pastor.

Address: The Key to the Missionary Problem, Rev. W. H. Denison, D. D.

Music.

Address: The Material at Hand for Teaching Missions in the Sunday school, Rev. J. W. Harrell.

Music.

Benediction.

**Thursday Morning.**

9:00 The Quiet Hour, led by Rev. N. G. Newman, D. D.

9:45 Convention called to order.

9:45 Song service, led by Rev. I. W. Johnson.

10:00 Enrollment.

Theme: Teacher, Teaching, and Teacher Training.

10:30 Address: The Teacher's Personal Preparation, Rev. W. D. Harward.

10:50 Address: How to Teach a Sunday School Class, or Some Laws in Teaching, Mrs. J. J. Lincoln.

11:10 Jesus as a Teacher, Rev. Henry Spencer Boothe.

11:30 The Need of Teacher Training, H. E. Rountree.

11:55 Round Table and Enrollment, by Mr. Rountree.

12:00 Simultaneous Conferences:

Primary Union.

Informal, Mrs. J. J. Lincoln, Supt., presiding.

Luncheon at 1 o'clock.

Missionary Conference.

Mrs. C. H. Rowland, President Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, presiding.

Mission Study—Why and How? Mrs. W .D. Harward.

Object Lessons for Childrens' Missionary Societies, Rev. J. W. Harrell.

The Model Woman's Missionary Society at Work, Mrs. C. H. Rowland.

Round Table discussionss, led by Mrs. Rowland.

Luncheon at 1 o'clock.

Home Departmetn Conference.

Rev. R. H. Peel, Supt., presiding.

The Home Department and Its Possible Achievements, Rev. D. A. Keys.

How to Organize and Conduct a Home Department, Mr. Peel.

Open discussions.

Luncheon at 1 o'clock.

**Thursday Afternoon.**

Theme: Young People and Christian Endeavor.

2:20 Opening service, conducted by the President.

2:25 Business Moment.

2:35 The Cradle Roll, Mrs. W. H. Denison.

2:50 Fundamental lessons in the Sunday Schools, Rev. N. G. Newman, D. D.

3:20 Why Continue our Effort to Promote Primary Union? Mrs. J. J. Lincoln.

Music.

3:40 That Imopssible Boy, Rev. C. C. Jones.

4:00How to Create and Maintain it,—A Plea to our People, Rev. C. H. Rowland.

4:35 Business session.

Announcements.

Reading of Minutes.

Benediction.

**Thursday Evening.**

Song Service on the Sand Hills.

Address:The Call of the Hour, Rev. Henry Spencer Booth.

(Immediately upon adjournment of the afternoon session, the convention will go by special train to Virginia Beach, returning via Cape Henry, where the evening session will be conducted. Supper will be served at the beach.)

**Friday Morning.**

9:00 The Quiet Hour, led by Rev. C. H. Rowland.

9:45 Convention called to order.

Song service, led by Rev. I. W. Johnson.

9:55 Business Session.

The Next Convention—Where? (All business of the Convention should be attended to now.)

10:35 Echoes from the Conferences.

Missions, Rev. J. W. Harrell.

Primary Union, Mrs. J. J. Lincoln.

Home Department, Rev. D. A. Keys.

11:00 Reading of Sunday school reports.

11:30 The Eye-Gate of the Sunday School, Dr. W. W. Staley.

11:50 The Challenge of Youth, Prof. S. M. Smith.

11:15 The Sunday School Saving Souls, Rev. R. H. Peel.

12:40 Business Session.

Announcements - - Benediction.

Luncheon.

**Friday Afternoon.**

2:00 Opening services, Rev. I. W. Johnson.

2:10 Miscellaneous Business.

2:30 The Opportunity of the Organized Class, Rev. Stanley C. Harrell.

3:00 Why People do not go to Sunday School, Prof. S. M. Smith.

3:20 Reading of minutes.

Adjournment.

(The above report is tentative.)

## ANOTHER CLASS ORGANIZED.

Recently the organization of the adult class according to the International standard was perfected at Spring Hill Sunday school, of which T. J. White is superintendent. The class is to be called "The Fellowship Class," and is to have for its motto, "All at it, all in it, all together." The officers are:

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Teacher, Mrs. Fred Bullock.

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Social—Mrs. Inez Wise, W. H. Barlowe, and J. T. Clark.

Devotional—Mrs. Bullock, Mrs. A. F. Matthews, and J. A. Stiers.

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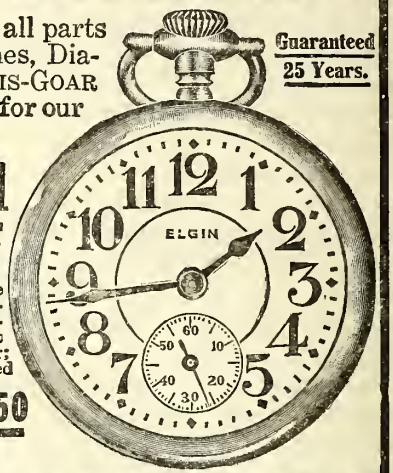


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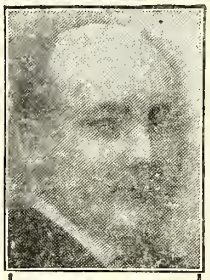

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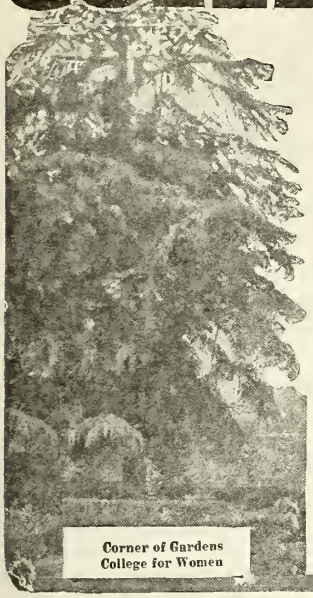

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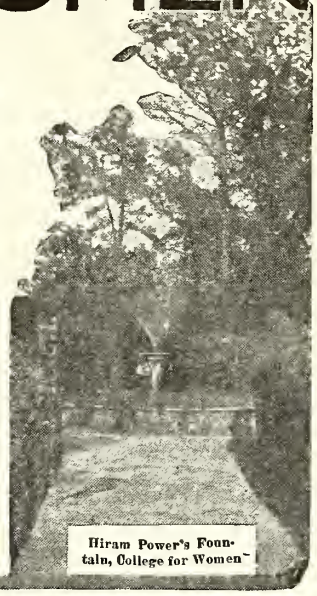

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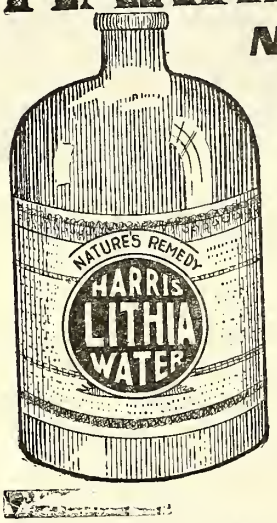


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